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HISTORICAL NOTES.

THE DESIGNER AND BUILDER OF THE MILES BREWTON HOUSE.
The following newspaper notice gives the names of the men concerned in the designing and building of the Brewton house, now best known as the Pringle house, situated in King Street, this City.

A portfolio of twenty charming drawings of this famous old house has recently been published for the artist, Miss Alice R. Huger Smith of this City, to which Mr. D. E. Huger Smith contributed an accurate and interesting historical preface, which however, does not include the item referred to.

ARCHITECTURE

Ut res gesta est Narrabe Ordine

Ezra Waite, Civil Architect, House-builder in general, and Carver, from London, Has finished the Architecture, conducted the execution thereof, viz: in the joiner way, all tabernacle frames, (but that in the dining-room excepted) and carved all the said work in the four principal rooms; and also calculated, adjusted, and draw'd at large for to work by, the Ionick entablature, and carved the same in the front and round the eaves, of Miles Brewton, Esquire's House on White-Point for Mr. Moncrieff.— If on inspection of the above mentioned work, and twenty-seven years experience, both in theory and practice, in noblemen and gentlemen's seats, be sufficient to recommend; he flatters himself to give satisfaction to any gentleman, either by plans, sections, elevations, or executions, at his house in King-Street, next door to Mr. Wainwright's, where architecture is taught by a peculiar method never published in any book extant.

N. B. As Miles Brewton Esquire's dining room is of a new construction with respect to the finishing of windows and doorways, it has been industriously propagated by some, (believed to be Mr. Kinsey Burden, a carpenter) that the said Waite did not do the architecture, and conduct the execution thereof. Therefore the said Waite, begs leave to do himself justice in this public manner, and assure all gentlemen, that he the said Waite, did construct every individual part and drewed the same at large for the joiners to work by, and conducted the execution thereof. Any man that can prove to the contrary, the said Waite promises to pay him One Hundred Guineas, as witness my hand, this 22d day of August, 1769

Ezra Waite.

Veritas Odium parit.

(*South Carolina Gazette and Country Journal*, August 22, 1769.)

That the "Mr. Moncrief" mentioned above, was a master builder or carpenter, is apparently shown by a section of Gov. Glenn's message to the Commons House in July, 1748, concerning the repair of the free school.

" . . . Mr. Moncrief, The Carpenter, informs me . . . " [of the expence &c.] (*South Carolina Gazette*, July 9, 1748).

An account of the Brewton family is to be found in this *Magazine*, vol. II, p. 128.

A CORDES-MARION DEED.—The original of the following deed is owned by Mr. W. Redwood Wright, of Philadelphia, a member of this Society, who has kindly allowed it to be copied and printed.

The Esther Marion of the deed was the mother of General Francis Marion, the trustee, Thomas Cordes was her brother; Daniel Huger married her niece, Mary Cordes, daughter of Isaac; William Keith was the husband of Ann Cordes, another daughter of Isaac; John was the son of Isaac and Ester Cordes, a daughter of Isaac by his first marriage with Joan Travours. (See *Transactions of the Huguenot Society of S. C.*, No. 13, p. 88.)

To all whom it may Concern Know yee that we Daniel Huger John Cordes William Keith and Esther Cordes of S^t. Johns Parish Berkly County in the province aforesaid planters for Divers Good Causes and valuable Considerations thereunto moving have Given and Granted and by these presents do give Grant and Confirm unto Thomas Cordes In behalf of and in Trust for Esther Marion the wife of Gabriel Marion and the heirs of her Body the following Slaves named June a boy Willobey a wench Peter a Boy to gather with their Increase for the Sole and proper use and in Behalf of the said Esther Marion her heirs Exors and Administrators from henceforth for her or their Sole and proper use therewith to do Order and Dispose of

as their own proper Goods and Chattles as to him the said Trustee may seem most Conducive to the Interest of the said Esther Marion her heirs &c. and we the said Daniel Huger John Cordes William Keith and Esther Cordes the said Slaves to the said Trustee in Behalf as aforesaid together with their Increase will from all & Each and Every of their heirs Warrant and Defend them to the use, Benifit and Be-hoof of Such Child or Children of the said Esther by the said Gabriel Marion and for such term and time as the said Esther by her Last will and Testament made in the presence of two or more Creditable Witnesses Shall Limitt Direct give or order the same and the said Esther Marion for herself her Exors and Admors doth Covenant promis Grant and agree to and with the said Thomas Cordes and the Survivors of him and to and with such Trustees as shall be appointed by the said Esther from time to time that it shall and may be Lawfull to and for the said Esther Marion his wife notwithstanding her Coverture to make her Last will and Testament in writing and therein and thereby to give Direct Limitt and appoint the above Granted and assigned premises or any part or Parcell thereof as she shall think proper to such Child or Children of the said Esther by the said Gabriel and to and for such uses intents and purposes and with and Under Such restrictions and Limitations as She shall direct and that all and every Such Child and Children to whom the same shall be so Given Limitted or Direct by the said Esther Marion shall and may hold and Enjoy the Same without the hinderance or Denial Claim or Demand of the said Gabriel Marion his Exors admors or assigns or any other Person or persons Lawfully Claiming or to Claim by from or under him them or any of them And Lastly that it Shall and may be Lawfull to and for the said Esther Marion upon the Death of him the said Thomas Cordes to name and Appoint in Writing under hand and Seal one or more Trustees in the Room of him so Dying and so in Case of the Death of such new Named Trustees as often as it happen which said Trustee shall have the same power and au-

thority in regard to the Premises as if they had Been Originally named in this Deed of Trust.

In Witness where of the said Parties to these presents have hereunto Interchangably Sett their hands and Seals the 18th. of March 1746/7.

	[Signed]	
Witnesses	Daniel Huger	Seal
Gabriel Marion Jun ^r .	Jn ^o . Cordes	Seal
Tho ^s . Cordes Jun ^r .	Will Keith	Seal
	Easter Cordes	Seal

[On back]

Memorandum this Instrument of Writing was duly proved by Gabriel Marion Jun^r. this 24th March 1746/7 before me

Tho Monck.